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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Honoring Marilee Bylsma

Attached is a draft resolution honoring Marilee Bylsma.

Ms. Bylsma is retiring from the Detroit Public Schools after 31 years of service.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Honoring Marilee Bylsma, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 26, 2007.

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**Michigan State Board of Education**

**RESOLUTION**

**Marilee Bylsma**

**WHEREAS, Marilee Bylsma graduated from Grandville Christian High School in Grandville, Michigan, after which she attended Calvin College where she received a Bachelor of Science Education degree; and attended the University of Michigan where she received a Masters in Educational Administration degree; and**

**WHEREAS, Marilee Bylsma has been employed by the Detroit Public Schools since 1976 where she was a Special Education teacher from 1976-1982; Special Education teacher consultant from 1982-1987; Assistant Principal at Burt Elementary School from 1987-1989; Principal at Samuel Gompers Elementary School from 1989-2001; and since 2001 has served as Divisional Director of the Center for School Leaders; and**

**WHEREAS, in her current role, Marilee has been responsible for writing and obtaining financial resources outside of the District for over \$1.3 million for professional development, has supervised the National Board Certification process for Detroit teachers; and has been of great assistance to the Michigan Department of Education in surfacing excellent teachers and support staff for recognition and leadership;**

**WHEREAS, in 1989 while Ms. Bylsma was Assistant Principal at Burt Elementary School, the school received the Golden Apple Award for Improved Achievement; and in 2001, while Principal at Samuel Gompers Elementary School, the school was selected as a National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School; and**

**WHEREAS, Marilee has announced that she will retire from the Detroit Public Schools effective November 30, 2007; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, in recognition of 31 years of dedicated service to the Detroit Public Schools, extends its gratitude to Marilee Bylsma for her outstanding contributions to Michigan education and the students of Detroit; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education hereby expresses its gratitude, respect, and appreciation to this exceptional individual; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That in addition to its gratitude, the State Board of Education extends to Ms. Bylsma its highest regard, its respect, and its best wishes for the future.**